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1. There are no previous NIE's dealing exclusively with Poland. NIE 12-58, dated 4 February 1958, however, is the most recent estimate which includes an extensive discussion of the Polish problem. The following comments apply to paragraphs 12-19, 44 and 45 of that estimate (and to portions of summary paragraphs 1, 3, and 4).

2. The principal conclusions concerning Poland in NIE 12-58 appear to be valid; for example, the estimates that the Gomulka regime was making some progress in consolidating its position, and that there was a trend toward political hardening. The estimates concerning Polish-Soviet relations also appear, in the main, to have been accurate. However, we are now less certain that the USSR's "reluctant acceptance of the 'new' Poland" is a "long-range adjustment rather than a temporary accommodation" (paragraph 44) and we do not repeat this estimate in NIE 12.6-58. We now place more emphasis on the possibility of heightened Soviet pressures against Poland, although we continue to estimate that the USSR will probably avoid extreme measures.

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